Fans' first view of Johnny Hutchinson

Wycombe Wanderers 3, Bishop's Stortford 2

ON A BITTERLY cold evening, Wycombe Wanderers, although beating their Athenian League visitors, Bishop's Stortford, produced little to arouse the 400 or more spectators who braved the elements at Loakes Park on Wednesday.

The purpose of this friendly was to allow Wycombe's half-fit players a chance to get back to match fitness.

It also gave the supporters their first look at new signing from Wealdstone. Johnny Hutchinson. What they saw of the winger was good. He is fast, clusive and, although he never really had a clear scoring chance, he showed willingness to shoot on sight.

MINUTE'S SILENCE

One minute's silence was observed before the kick-off in remembrance of Mr. M. Rackstraw, son of Wycombe Wanderers' committee member, Jim Rackstraw.

Vince Faulkner, playing in the back four, was responsible for the first Stortford goal when Whyte dispossessed him in the penalty area and chipped the ball over the advancing O'Brien. Ten minutes later Viv Busby equalised when he controlled an Anthony flick and prodded it past Ceruis in goal.

Barry Baker came on for Julian Lailey at half-time and seemed to add enthusiasm to the second period. After a terrific shot-on-the-turn from Busby, Geoff Anthony put the Wanderers ahead following a corner, after 57 minutes.

On the hour John Delaney converted Wycombe's third goal from the penalty spot after he had been barged off the ball. Keith Searle came on five minutes prior to this in place of Keith Samuels.

With the home defence relying on the offside trap too much, Bishop's Stortford, including ex-Wanderers' Peter Slater, exposed large gaps in their defence, and it was no surprise when Whyte put Duggan clear for a goal.

Wycombe Wanderers: O'Brien; Thomas, Delaney, Faulkner, Gale; Busby, Lailey (sub. Baker h.-t.); Anthony, Samuels (sub. Searle 65 mins.), Horseman, Hutchinson.

Bishop's Stortford: Ceruis; Mitchell (sub. Jaselsky), Ryan, Gough. Neeves; Hill, Whyte, Garafall, Chappell (sub. Cheesewright h.-t.), Slater.